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Status						
1)⊠	Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 /	April 2006.				
•	This action is FINAL . 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.					
′==	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
<i>,</i> —	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Dispositi	on of Claims					
4)⊠	Claim(s) 1-12 and 14 is/are pending in the ap	pplication.				
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5)🖾	Claim(s) 1-12, 14 is/are allowed.					
6)	6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.					
7)	Claim(s) is/are objected to.					
8)□	Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/	or election requirement.				
Applicati	on Papers					
9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.						
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.						
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11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.						
Priority u	ınder 35 U.S.C. § 119					
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:						
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
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3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
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* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)						
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1-12, 14 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1 (line 17), "a picture" should be changed to --the picture--.

Claim 6 (line 5), "a selected picture" should be changed to -- the selected picture--.

Claim 7 (lines 2-3), "select a still picture" should be changed to --select the still picture--.

Claim 7 (line 3), "the still pictures" should be changed to --still pictures--.

Claim 10 (lines 7-8), "a motion picture" should be changed to --the motion picture--.

Claim 11 (line 3), "a picture" should be changed to --the picture--.

Claim 12 (line 3), "a picture" should be changed to -- the picture--.

Claim 12 (line 12), "picture data" should be changed to --the picture data--.

Claims 2-12, 14 are objected as being dependent on claim 1.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-12, 14 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 1, the prior art of the record fails to show or fairly suggest a digital camera comprising a multiplex unit configured to output the compressed motion picture and the still picture by time-division multiplexing; and a picture selection unit configured to permit a user to select a picture by any of the recording of the still picture by releasing the shutter and the

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designation of a picture stored in the picture storage unit, wherein the compression unit comprises a selected picture output unit configured to provide, when the user selects a picture by the picture selection unit, the selected picture without compressing the selected picture instead of the compressed motion picture data, in combination with other claim limitations.

Claims 2-12, 14 are allowable for the reason given in claim 1.

Conclusion

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the objections of claims 1-12, 14 as indicated above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUONG T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7315. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID L. OMETZ can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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